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WANT OUR BOYS IN BLUE

Santa Feans Are Lonely Without the Soldiers.

They Expect to Get the Fort Bayard Band and at Least Two Companies of Soldiers.

Since the abandonment of Fort Marcy at Santa Fe, the people of that place have been untiring in their efforts to get the post re-established, although there is no real necessity for having troops stationed there. There are no hostile Indians in the neighborhood and they are not near enough to the Mexican border for troops to be immediately available in case of trouble with our sister republic. The first information that there is in contemplation any change of the troops in this territory comes from Santa Fe in an interview with Governor Thornton, published in the New Mexican last Saturday evening. The article is as follows:

Gov. Thornton returned last night from Washington, where he has been for several weeks in the interest of statehood, the re-establishment of Fort Marcy and other matters of importance to the people of New Mexico.

He was seen this morning by a representative of the New Mexican and talked very freely and fully as to the purposes of his mission and the results obtained.

"You can say," he said, "that I do not think there is any doubt of our obtaining statehood at the present session of congress. I found the senators on both sides of the chamber favorable to statehood and Senator Faulkner, Senator George and other leaders of the democracy assure me that the bill will be passed promptly on its being reached. The bill is now on the preferred calendar arranged by the democratic caucus and was to have been taken up immediately following the disposition of the Nicaragua canal bill. There is some disposition to talk the latter measure to death, and for that reason the statehood bill has not been considered. It will be reached, however, immediately after the holidays and passed. The president will undoubtedly give it his approval."

"Immediately upon my arrival at Washington I had a talk with the president. He seemed to be in the best of

health, statements to the contrary notwithstanding. I presented to him fully the reasons why troops should be sent back to Fort Marcy and he stated that, so far as his opinions on the subject were concerned, he would have no hesitancy in immediately making an order sending troops here. In view of his implicit confidence in Secretary Lamont's judgment, however, he referred me to that official, stating that upon the showing made he did not doubt that the secretary of war would make the desired move. I then saw Secretary Lamont, had a long talk with him and he expressed himself as entirely favorable to the restoration of troops at the Santa Fe post. He said that it was a subject upon which he would defer largely to Gen. McCook's judgment, however, and suggested that I go to Denver and lay the fact before him. On my way to Denver I met Gen. McCook on his way east, accompanied him as far south as Pueblo, and he promised me that he would use all his influence to have a transfer made. He said that he had two companies available, and that with the approval of the Washington authorities he would transfer Col. Bliss with the regiment band and two companies from Fort Bayard to Fort Marcy. While therefore no order has been issued, I am assured at every point that our request is favorably considered. I believe that when Gen. McCook reaches Washington next week the formal order will be issued sending us two companies. At any rate, I feel confident that such an order will come within the next ninety days.

"While I was in Washington I conferred with the interior department as to the Ramona school situation. I was assured that if the owners of that school's buildings would make up to the department a proposition for a lease, the government would, if suitable arrangements are made, establish there a school for Indian girls. A meeting of the university trustees will be held within a few days and I am sure that arrangements can be made by which we will secure for Santa Fe this additional important government institution."

Governor Thornton is of the opinion that little legislation will be enacted at the present session of congress. The republicans reinforced by eastern democrats, will block any financial legislation attempted and the senate has already decided not to take up the tariff question:

so that the two most important subjects before the country will be left very severely alone. The governor says that the business outlook is improving daily and that all along the route, on his return home, there were constant evidences of rekindled factory fires and improved commercial conditions.

Good Spellers.

At the close of the normal school term last Friday prizes for spelling were awarded to Elnora Alexander, Bella Gaddis, Edith Casey, Alice Bailey and Joan Warren. Each of the above named young ladies were perfect in spelling from the time the prizes were offered until the close of the term.

Two prizes were offered, one for the best speller and one for the second best, but as the five young ladies whose names are given above were all perfect, there could be no distinction and all were awarded prizes of the same value.

The Albuquerque Citizen has heard that the democratic secretary of the territory intends to arrange matters so that the democrats will have a majority in both branches of the next legislature, although the republicans elected a majority in each house. The Citizen does not wait to see whether it is actually hurt, but gets to the front with a celerity that is enough to take a person's breath away, and says that owing to this proposed action of the secretary New Mexico is not fit for statehood. The Citizen cries and plays the baby act very easily. It has always been supposed the editor of the Citizen was a scrapper, but when he weakens as easily as this at what is simply a threat, his friends are astonished. If the Citizen cannot restrain itself, but must have revenge and that immediately, let it go at it in some other way, some way that will make the secretary of the territory feel its indignation without hurting all the rest of the people in the territory. Cutting your own nose to spite your face may be revenge, dark and deep, but it is not good sense.—Western Liberal.

Chas. Lyons was in from the Gila last Saturday with a load of mistletoe which found ready purchasers. The young ladies of Silver City will have no difficulty in getting under a mistletoe bough.

The next term of the normal school will commence on the 7th of January.